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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

4 v.

17 Cr. 630 (ER)

5 IRINA DILKINSKA,

6 Conference

7 Defendant.

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8 New York, N.Y.
9 April 6, 2023
10 11:30 a.m.

11 Before:

12 HON. EDGARDO RAMOS,

13 District Judge

14 APPEARANCES

15 DAMIAN WILLIAMS

16 United States Attorney for the
Southern District of New York

17 KEVIN MEAD

JULIANA MURRAY

18 Assistant United States Attorney

19 RACHEL PERILLO

Attorney for Defendant

20 Also Present: Ronald Shimko, FBI Special Agent

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(Case called)

THE DEPUTY CLERK: Counsel, please state your name for the record.

MR. MEAD: Good morning, your Honor. AUSAs Kevin Mead and Juliana Murray appearing for the government, joined at counsel table by FBI Special Agent Ron Shimko.

MS. PERILLO: Good morning, your Honor. Rachel Perillo, I'm standing in for Jeremy Schneider, who is out of town for Passover.

THE COURT: Good morning to you all.

Mr. Mead, has Ms. Dilkinska been arraigned on the indictment?

MR. MEAD: She has, your Honor.

THE COURT: No one has to stand, by the way, you can remain seated.

Has a rule 5(f) ordered been entered?

MR. MEAD: I believe so, but just give me one minute.

Yes, a rule 5(f) order was entered, your Honor.

THE COURT: So tell me, if you would, how Ms. Dilkinska came to be here, what the nature of the charges are and what the discovery is and when it will be turned over.

MR. MEAD: Yes, your Honor.

She was extradited from Bulgaria. There was a long extradition process. She arrived in the United States, I think, a week or two ago, immediately before her presentment

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1 and arraignment in magistrate court. She's currently detained.

2 She's been charged in the indictment. Count One
3 charges her with conspiracy to commit wire fraud; Count Two
4 with conspiracy to commit money laundering. Both charges arise
5 out of her role in the OneCoin conspiracy, which was a fake
6 cryptocurrency sold in a multi-level marketing scheme.

7 Ms. Dilkinska had a high level role at the company in Bulgaria.
8 The company was headquartered in Bulgaria, and she was their
9 head of legal and compliance.

10 The discovery in this case is very, very voluminous.
11 Fortunately, it virtually all has been produced to other
12 defendants, so it's largely a process of getting it all
13 together and getting it on a hard drive to the defense.

14 We have spoken with the defense. We would propose
15 coming back in approximately 90 days. And the defense
16 specifically requested a couple of dates; July 11, 12 or 13.
17 So we propose coming back in 90 days, discussing a motion
18 schedule at that time. In the meantime, we would, of course,
19 produce discovery to the defendant promptly. We would ask for
20 45 days for discovery. We are hoping to get it completed
21 substantially before then, though.

22 THE COURT: I take it that at least some amount of
23 discovery -- perhaps a good amount of discovery -- was
24 submitted in connection with the extradition request.

25 MR. MEAD: I don't think a huge amount of it, your

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1 Honor. My recollection is it would have mainly been an
2 affidavit with a relatively limited set of facts connected to
3 it.

4 THE COURT: You indicated it was a lengthy extradition
5 process. Was Ms. Dilkinska remanded during that time?

6 MR. MEAD: Just one second, your Honor.

7 (Conferring)

8 MR. MEAD: Yes, your Honor. She was remanded while in
9 Bulgaria while extradition was pending.

10 THE COURT: And you have still not gotten the defense
11 the discovery; correct?

12 MR. MEAD: That's correct, your Honor.

13 She's only been here for a relatively short period of
14 time in the United States. I think the protective order was
15 entered yesterday or the day before.

16 THE COURT: Do you know whether the company is still
17 open and operating in Bulgaria?

18 MR. MEAD: Our understanding is it is likely not still
19 operating in Bulgaria at this time. We don't have full
20 visibility. Our understanding is it is largely shut down.

21 Just one second.

22 (Conferring)

23 MR. MEAD: Your Honor, because it is a multi-level
24 marketing scheme, there may be some promoters who are still
25 promoting the cryptocurrency all over the world. But we're not

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1 aware of much activity going on in the headquarters at this
2 time.

3 THE COURT: Very well.

4 Ms. Perillo, is there anything you want to put on the
5 record?

6 MS. PERILLO: No, your Honor, other than we consent to
7 the 90 days.

8 THE COURT: Ms. Riveera, do you have a date and time?

9 THE DEPUTY CLERK: July 6 at 10:30 a.m.

10 MR. MEAD: That's fine with the government.

11 MS. PERILLO: That's fine, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: July 6th at 10:30 a.m.

13 Is there anything else we need to do or should do
14 today?

15 Mr. Mead.

16 MR. MEAD: We ask that the Court exclude time under
17 the Speedy Trial Act between today and July 6th so the
18 government can produce discovery, the defense can review that
19 discovery and the parties can discuss a pretrial resolution.

20 THE COURT: Any objection?

21 MS. PERILLO: No objection, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: I will exclude time between now and
23 July 6th under the Speedy Trial Act. I find that
24 Ms. Dilkinska's interests in excluding that time outweigh the
25 interests of the public under speedy trial for the reasons set

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1 forth by Mr. Mead.

2 Unless there's anything else, Mr. Mead.

3 MS. PERILLO: No, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Ms. Perillo.

5 MS. PERILLO: No, your Honor.

6 THE COURT: We're adjourned.

7 (Adjourned)